Agreement is focussed on providing energy services to the benefit of the entire country and is not aimed at any particular states.

Setting up of mineral-based units in Orissa

441. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mineral-based units set up in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) the places where those units have been set up;

(c) whether those units have started commercial production;

(d) whether there is a vast scope in the expansion of those units; and

(e) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Most of the mineral based industries are delicensed for which Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IFM) are filed. During last three yaars, 17 IEMs for locating various mineral based industries like granite, cement, iron and steel industries, coke, etc. have been filed in Sundergarh, Sambalpur and Keonjhar districts of Orissa. Till now, none of these units have formally reported commencement of commercial production.

(d) and (e) It is for the individual entrepreneur to assess the scope for expansion of the units set up by them.

Investment in Indian industries by US businessmen

442. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US businessmen have expressed their keenness to make investment in the field of industry in the country;

(b) if so, the specific proposals received from the US businessmen in that regard;

(c) whether Government have examined those proposals; and

(d) if so, the stops taken thereafter?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI (a) to (d) The New Industrial Policy has evoked interest for investment from investors of various countries including that of USA. Since the announcement of New Industrial Policy in July 1991, 428 proposals for foreign direct investment from US Businessmen, involving foreign direct investment of Rs. 5846.29 crores have been approved, till the end of June, 1994.

The details of the specific proposals approved, namely name of the Indian company, name of the foreign collaborator and the country to which it belongs item of manufacture in each proposal are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to their monthly Newsletter. Copies of the Newsletter are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

Proposal to set up heavy Industries in Orissa during eighth and Ninth Plan periods

443. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some major and heavy Industrial units in Orissa during the Eighth and Ninth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details of those units; and

(c) the estimated cost of those units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) No new grass root plant in the Central Industrial Sector is proposed to be set up in the current Five Year Plan. A list of